



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA COMMEMORATING THE CENTENNIAL OF GLACIER NATIONAL PARK.

WHEREAS, on May 11, 1910, President William Howard Taft signed into law Senate Bill S.5648 establishing Glacier National Park as the country's 10th national park for the benefit and enjoyment of the people of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Glacier National Park is widely recognized as a crown jewel of the National Park System, providing for the perpetual protection of more than 1 million acres of public lands in Montana, which are enjoyed by more than 2 million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, members of the Blackfoot Tribe and the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes maintain spiritual, traditional, and cultural relationships with the landscape of Glacier National Park that date back thousands of years; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, acts of the United States Congress and the Canadian Parliament designated Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes National Park the first International Peace Park to permanently commemorate the long-existing relationship of peace and goodwill between the people and governments of the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, Glacier National Park supports the unique Montana way of life, providing access to enjoy and use some of the most spectacular scenery, land, and water anywhere on earth; and

WHEREAS, Glacier National Park is a driver of Montana's economy, providing significant economic benefits through nonresident expenditures, providing good-paying jobs, attracting investment dollars, and providing an unmatched quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Glacier National Park is the headwaters of North America, setting the gold standard for clean water and providing downstream benefits for water users in Montana and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Glacier National Park and adjacent protected areas form the core of the greater crown of the continent ecosystem, the most intact ecosystem in the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, Glacier National Park provides essential habitat for native wildlife species cherished by

generations of Montanans, including the Montana state animal, the grizzly bear, and the Montana state fish, the blackspotted cutthroat trout.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That the Senate and House of Representatives:

(a) applaud the extraordinary vision of individuals, including George Bird Grinnell, whose advocacy resulted in the creation of Glacier National Park;

(b) recognize the awe-inspiring beauty of Glacier National Park's majestic peaks, glaciers, waters, and vistas;

(c) honor the longstanding, special relationship of the Blackfeet, Salish, and Kootenai Tribes with the landscape of Glacier National Park;

(d) celebrate the 100th anniversary of the creation of Glacier National Park;

(e) support continued good relations of peace and friendship with our Canadian neighbors through measures by both countries' governments to ensure the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park remains vibrant, healthy, and productive; and

(f) urge Montana's Congressional Delegation to support local communities and Glacier National Park for the next 100 years by providing adequate funds for park infrastructure and management and by introducing federal initiatives that protect Glacier's significant natural assets and economic benefits for future generations.

(2) That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

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I hereby certify that the within joint resolution,
SJ 0013, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

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INTRODUCED BY ZINKE

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